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Turning Recreation and Excitement in New Directions (TREND) held a candlelight walk and program on nonviolence recently. The teen group promotes healthy lifestyles and nonviolence. TREND was started in St. Louis in 1987 by a group of adolescents and the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. A local chapter sponsored by St. Elizabeth Medical Center was started in the Tri-City area last year, and includes students from the Granite City, Venice and Madison school districts.



Mom's Day kiss expected

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

Hershey's will be delivering a special Granite City women a special kiss today for Mother's Day.

The Hershey's Kissmobile, a specially designed 25-foot long chocolate lover's dream car, will roll into Granite City to visit members of the Raub and Sharp families.

In time for the special "kiss," Agnes Raub, Dorothy Casleman, Doris Stark, Renie Raub and her mother Irene Sharp and sister Denise Seltzer all of Granite City. The women are relatives of former resident Elane Raub Feldman, who works for the agency that coordinates the Kissmobile tour for Hershey's.

Feldman is the daughter of James and Agnes Raub, the

'The Kissmobile crew had an open schedule for Mother's Day and wanted to do something special for some of the ladies.'

Elane Raub Feldman
Hershey's

sister-in-law of Renie Raub and niece of Casleman and Stark.

"The Kissmobile crew had an open schedule for Mother's Day." (See KISS, Page 5A)

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Women 'make things better'

By Mary Shapiro
Staff writer

"While you're on this planet, if there's something you can do to make things better, you've got to do it."

That sentiment belongs to Karen Duffy, but epitomizes the spirit of nine other women honored as 1998 Women of Achievement. The women were honored for their commitment to serving others.

The 43rd Annual Women of Achievement award ceremony was Wednesday at the Ritz Carlton-St. Louis in Clayton. St. Louis County Executive George W. Westfall and East St. Louis Mayor Gordon Bush were some of about 750 people who attended the ceremony.

Their volunteerism and community service is making St. Louis a great place to live, generation to generation," Westfall said.

"When you want something said, get me. When you want something done, get a woman," Bush said.

Awards were presented by Tom Rice, president and chief

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1998 Women of Achievement are, seated from left, Grace Shen Lo, Denice H. Wright and Joan Lipic. Standing from left are Margaret W. Dagen, Mary Randolph Ballinger, Sister Mary Jean Ryan, Lisa Baue, Barbara S. Eagleton and Karen Duffy. Not pictured is Charmaine Chapman.

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CAROL'S COMMENTS**Poll results are there for interpretation**

Ever get the feeling that you're out of sync with mainstream thought? Whatever that may be, or if anyone really knows what it is?

A recent article by a writer I admire, Hendrik Hertzberg, on the general subject of public opinion polls and "The American People" (or, as he puts it, "lets call that beast TAP to save my soul"), set me thinking about what really constitutes public opinion and how accurate the interpretations of it are.

Hertzberg is pretty fed up with opinion polls as am I, noting the "whole once was called the 'silent majority'" is as dead as a dodo with the advent of innumerable polls and that "now the voice of the people is the voice that won't stay put."

He's right and in my opinion, it's a sorry state of affairs when poll results are assumed by so-called experts to represent majority thinking. It is right, too, pointing out that relying on poll results of this week may be risky, because TAP is fickle and may do an about-face next week.

I'm no pollster, nor do I want to be. During the course of any given week, I talk to a lot of people about a fairly broad spectrum of subjects and most of the time, it seems to me that a true consensus of opinion simply isn't there. Agreement in general way often; uniformity on details, less frequently.

And that's OK with me. Personally, I'm seldom in total accord with someone else's thinking and I see no reason for others to buy my opinion hook, line and sinker. A life in which everyone agreed completely with everyone else would be dull as hell and that brings me no new world horizons or charms for me.

Hertzberg may be, and probably is correct when he writes that politicians and social institutions have become nervous Nellies when it comes to their own opinions. They have lost self-confidence in their own thinking, and they have come to believe that if it's at odds with what each week's poll indicates as the voice of the people, those people have lost credibility.

He suggests that as a result of such a belief, their own fac-



Carol Clarkin

ulty of thought may eventually become completely atrophied, in which case we may well end up with the blind-leading-the-blind. If that is not already the case.

Should this be true, the fall election might become a testing ground for those members of the Madison County Board running for re-election who recently voted to close the Madison County Nursing Home and the county's Shelter Care Home.

The vote was a fairly close one, 15-12, but both facilities will close effective Nov. 30. Approximately 195 residents will be affected.

The board also voted down by 15-12 a resolution that could have provided \$50,000 to study options other than closing the facilities, but approved spending up to \$100,000 to hire a consultant to work with both the soon-to-be ousted patients and employees.

There's no question in anybody's mind that the decision to close the two facilities was the result of the March primary election, in which voters overwhelmingly defeated two tax proposals, one of which would have approved the issuance of \$5.5 million in bonds to construct a new combined home on property owned by the county. The other would have allowed the maximum tax rate assessed for operating the two shelters to as much as double.

Since the primary election, I've listened to quite a number of comments from people who voted to keep both in operation, some of these people admittedly having a personal or family interest in the matter.

Wouldn't it be interesting if some of the candidates for re-election to the board come November turn out to have misread the poll result of March?

**Important to plant family trees in children**

By Jane Fisher
Correspondent

Several weeks ago I had a telephone call from a lady in Caseyville. She told me she and I were related, and if so, how. I told her I didn't know, but I remember my deceased mother taking me to their home in Collinsville to visit. I thought nothing then about the relationship.

Then, the March 19 issue of an area newspaper had an item in its "It Happened Here" column that caught my eye. It was about the untimely death of my paternal grandmother, 85 years ago in 1913.

Wanting to know more about it, I went to the Tri-Township Historical Society for help. The Historical Society has put the old newspaper on microfilm. I viewed the year 1913 until I came to Friday, March 19, where was the obituary I was interested in. The obit listed the names of the four surviving sisters of my grandmother and also gave her maiden name and place of birth.

I was shocked to see one of her sisters was my lady friend's paternal grandmother. Another surviving sister was my form (born in the '50s) whom I'd never met. Her name, baby-sitter, maternal grandmother! All of a sudden I had two more confirmed second cousins to add to my family.

Who knows how many more? It's such a pity our family members don't write down who their relatives are. Most of our mothers and fathers are now dead, so we can't question them. Looking

through Bibles, papers, etc., seldom gives any answers to our questions. Visiting cemeteries helps.

I suppose we all think we'll live forever or at least we think we will write something down before we die. Think slips of paper that our children are left with questions and missed opportunities for fellowship with their relatives.

I have done quite a bit of research on my family tree, but the particular branch of the tree was not talked about because of the bizarre circumstances surrounding my grandmother's death. It was one of those "hush-hush" affairs.

However, I now look forward to finding out more about her parents and that side of my family. It looks like it may lead to research in Highland, East St. Louis and Alton.

Our family trees reveal hundreds of relatives, but at my age, most of them are dead.

Still, who they were makes up for who I am. It would be nice for your children if you could write down at least some names of relatives that you know about.

(Jane Fisher of Troy occasionally writes for the Collinsville Herald.)

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TO THE EDITOR:

Each member in our class is working on a project called the "Parade of States." We are responsible for gathering as much information as we can about the state we chose to research.

I have chosen your state, Illinois, for my presentation. If any of your readers would help me out by sending me pictures, postcards, driver's license plate, travel brochures, facts, etc. I would greatly appreciate it! Please send items to: Mountain Meadow Elementary School, 11812 E. Murray Road, Ft. Riley, KS 66321. Thank you for your help.

STEPHANIE GAMMON
Buckley, Wash.

Message missing

TO THE EDITOR:

The April 26 airing by the Chicago media of "Nicholas' Gift," the story of a family's decision to donate their son's organs, unfortunately, did not carry a message to the millions of Americans who now that could locally secure information on the life-saving benefits of the organ donor program.

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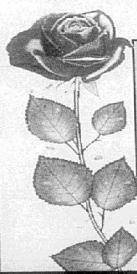
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Red Cross offers June classes

The St. Louis Bi-State Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer the following first aid and CPR classes during June at the American Red Cross office, 10218 Lincoln Trail in Fairview Heights:

Adult CPR — Tuesday, June 9 from 6 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, June 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Community CPR — Tuesday, June 9 from 6 to 10 p.m. for part I; and Wednesday, June 10 from 8 to 8:30 p.m. for part II.

First Aid — Thursday, June 11 from 6 to 8:30 p.m.; and Saturday, June 20 from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

Standard First Aid with CPR — Tuesday, June 9 from 6 to 10 p.m. for part I; and Thursday, June 11 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. for part II; and Saturday, June 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The two-and-a-half-hour First Aid course costs \$16. Participants receive a Standard First Aid certificate from the Red Cross good for three years.

A current Adult CPR card is a prerequisite for first aid.

Cost for the six-and-one-half hour class is \$25. Those completing the class will receive an American Red Cross Adult CPR certificate good for one year.

Registration deadline is one week prior to the class date. For information or to register, call the American Red Cross at 397-4600.

'Special' picnic set for Fairview

By Kimberly Haas
Staff writer

The disabled are invited to the annual Special Day for Special People picnic in Fairview Heights.

The picnic will include food, games, and entertainment from 1 a.m. to 4 p.m. on May 23 at Longmeadow Park.

"Anyone of any age with any kind of disability is encouraged to attend," said Randy Pierce, director of Fairview Heights Administrative Services.

Lunch will begin about 11:30 a.m. and will include chicken, cookies, and ice cream. Those providing food for the event include Pantry Buffet, Hedges, Pasta Fare, and Dairy Queen.

"The response has been very

favorable," Pierce said of the donations.

In addition, a magician will be performing and there will be a Mother's Day picnic. It seemed like a good match because they get a home-cooked meal, my family of moms gets chocolate," she said.

The vehicle is 25 feet long, 11 feet 6 inches tall, and is topped with what appears to be a giant Hershey chocolate Kisses.

It comes equipped with a 31-inch television, a laser disc player and a public announcement system.

Children visiting the Kissmobile can play The Great Kiss Race, a computer-animated racing game, and learn how Hershey's Kisses are made.

The Kissmobile also was at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital, 100 S. Grand Blvd., and Louis Stokes' Hospital Children's Place, in St. Louis last week to visit hospital patients and staff.

The Kissmobile is in the area as part of its 1998 Kissmobile Tour U.S.A. to visit kids of all ages to help raise awareness and donations for Hershey's longstanding charity partner, the Children's Miracle Network.

After visiting the Granite City moms, the Kissmobile will leave the area to continue its tour around the country.

Kiss

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Day and wanted to do something special for some of the ladies," Feldman said.

"I think it's a nice way having a Mother's Day picnic. It seemed like a good match because they get a home-cooked meal, my family of moms gets chocolate," she said.

'The Artist' to appear in Collinsville

The artist formerly known as Prince is coming to Collinsville.

The artist is headlining a show set for Tuesday at Gateway Center. Larry Graham, formerly with Sly and the Family Stone, will open the show.

There are only 3,000 tickets available, with standing room only, although handicapped

seating will be provided. Tickets, which went on sale Saturday through MetroTix, are sold at \$34-\$111. Tickets are \$6 each.

Doors open at 8 p.m. The show starts at 9 p.m.

"We were surprised when the first call came in," said Denise Joann, Gateway's sales and event manager. "It's definitely something we don't do

all the time."

Collinsville plans were finalized Wednesday after just being contacted the week before. Kochi said the artist is setting up shows and announcing them just days in advance. He is purposely seeking out a smaller concert venue.

"He wants more of a club atmosphere," she said.

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following the funeral services. Although most obituaries received from local funeral homes, obituary notices can be sent to the newspaper at: Granite City Glass, 1037 Madison Ave., Granite City, IL 62040.

Fire

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As of Journal press time, fire officials were investigating what may have caused the blaze.

— Scott Cousins

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Park District sets sights on Lake Geneva

Lake Geneva, Wisc., will be the destination of the next three-day trip offered by the Granite City Park District. The trip will be on June 16-18 and will go on sale at 10 a.m. Wednesday, at the Wilson Park Ice Rink.

Often referred to as the "Newport of the Midwest," this unique historic town is famous for its resorts, summer homes and beautiful location. The group will stay at the Interlakes Resort and Country Spa located on a knoll overlooking Lake Camp.

The activities planned will include a "hysterically historical" city tour and a mailboat cruise on Geneva Lake. The mailboat cruise will include the actual mail delivery to lakeshore homes by a mail girl who leaps off the boat, delivers the mail to the dock and then jumps back on the boat that never stops.

There will also be a tour of the Grand Geneva Resort, formerly Hugh Hefner's "Playboy Club." Time will be allowed to enjoy the grounds, pool, lounge or spa at the Interlakes Resort as well as time for browsing in Lake Geneva.

One of the days will include a visit to

the SC Johnson Wax Museum Company in Racine, Wisc., that is famous for the many items for the home as well as personal care items to be made on the grounds designed by the architect Frank Lloyd Wright. An Academy Award-winning film, "To Be Alive," will be viewed in the Golden Mandelle building that was brought to Racine from the 1967 World's Fair in New York.

After the Johnson Wax stop the group will visit the Q and H Bakery where the authentic Danish Kringle is made from many featherlight layers of pastry and filled with a variety of homemade fruit or nut fillings. Samples will be offered and kringles may be purchased.

One of the evenings will include four decades of music and memories with the Beach Boys and the New Sequence Orchestra, live at the Belfry Theatre in nearby Waukesha, Wisc.

The trip cost includes two continental breakfasts; lunch at Popeye's, a laundromat lakefront restaurant; dinner at the Red Geranium, a charming restaurant in town; and lodging, transportation and all

the side trips and entertainment.

On the way home the group will stop in Elkhorn, Wis., for shopping opportunities at the Gurnee Mills mall, the Midwest's largest outlet mall with more than 200 stores. Lunch will be in the premises in one of the many eateries that includes everything from A and W Hot Dogs to P.F. Chang's Hollywood and Rainforest Cafes.

The cost of the three days is \$5 more than previously advertised due to a late addition to the itinerary. The cost is \$290 for a single, \$253 each for a double room, \$230 per person for a triple and \$220 per person for four to a room.

The entire amount must be paid at the time of registration and one person can only sign up for one room of one to four people. Proof of residency in the Park District must be presented for each person unless husband and wife. Nonresidents in line will be placed on the waiting list immediately and those wishing to do so by telephone may call the park office at noon. They will be notified one week later of trip availability.

Tourism head lauds area

By Joe Leicht
Staff writer

Illinois has become the number five state in the nation in terms of tourism and the bed-and-breakfasts, natural areas, gift shops and wineries of Southern Illinois deserve much of the credit.

That was the message Illinois Tourism Director Donna Shaw brought to the Illinois Grape Growers & Vintners Association on Wednesday. Speaking at the association's annual conference in Waukegan, she told members that their efforts have contributed to a historic boom that has pushed state tourism revenues to \$18.5 billion.

"Just a few years ago, I would have had to stand up here and tell you that Illinois has the largest percentage of erosion at its own borders of any other Midwestern state. Our own borders are with Michigan, Wisconsin, Missouri, Indiana and Kentucky and people in Chicago didn't seem to have any idea their cars could be driven south," Shaw said.

But the trend of Illinois residents spending their travel and recreation dollars outside the state has been halted and reversed, said Shaw. She cited figures that indicate a 12 percent increase in Illinois tourism spending, with 31 percent of that hike attributable to Illinois residents.

Representatives from about 15 Illinois wineries attended the conference, which ran Tuesday through Thursday. The conference also served as the unofficial unveiling of the Schorr Lake Vineyards' new Waterloo location that will have a grand opening in November.

"In downstate Illinois, people are visiting historic sites, cultural trips, hiking and biking and other types of outdoor recreation," Shaw said.

Green to appear

Ralph Green of St. Louis will be in concert at 7 p.m. today at Grace Baptist Church, 2600 Edwards St. Green is a music evangelist who has been in full-time ministry since 1979. He has visited Grace Baptist several times. All are invited, and a nursery will be provided.

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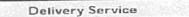
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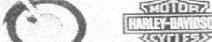
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Bribery case has officials knee deep in paperwork

Investigators look for criminal pattern

By Dennis Grubaugh
Telegraph staff writer

Investigators will plow through a mountain of paperwork in the probe of an alleged bribery involving a circuit court bailiff, a sheriff's official said Thursday.

"We're going to take days; we're looking at weeks," Capt. Don Spaul said.

Spaul said the department has asked for computerized "dumps" of Madison County circuit court statistics going back many months to see whether patterns of impropriety can be detected.

However, he stressed, "I don't know if there is evidence to suspect that the case is anything other than an isolated incident."

"We would be remiss if we did not pursue this as far as the way it went," said Bertagnoli.

Norman M. Bertagnoli, 65, of Wood River, has been charged with bribery and suspended from the job until an attorney, who is also an assistant state's attorney to get him to drop a DUI case for a third party, authorities said.

Bertagnoli has pleaded not guilty, although he signed a statement admitting the incident and calling it isolated, authorities said. He is free after posting bail. Bertagnoli is a Class A felony punishable by up to seven years in prison.

Bertagnoli was accused of passing 15 \$100 bills in an envelope to assistant state's

attorney Tony Rother to dismiss a DUI case against Mark P. Dieckmann of Collinsville. Rother was wired, and the conversation was monitored by sheriff's detectives. Bertagnoli was arrested with witnesses to the meeting, the monitor officials said.

According to State's Attorney William Haine, an unidentified "middle man" approached Bertagnoli, telling him Bertagnoli's bailiff, a circuit court bailiff, in traffic and family court cases, could do anything to help Dieckmann.

Bertagnoli apparently knew the middle man and did not Dieckmann's bidding.

The middle man paid Bertagnoli \$3,500 to get some help in the DUI case, thinking the money would be used to hire an attorney, authorities said.

Bertagnoli kept \$2,000 of the money and used the remaining \$1,500 in the bribe attempt in a judge's chambers Friday afternoon.

Haine said it is ironic that Dieckmann and the middle man went to the trouble of seeking help. Dieckmann, as a first-time DUI violator, got off with a citation to court supervision as a matter of law.

At a press conference Monday, Haine said there is no evidence the middle man or the DUI defendant knew a bribe would be attempted.

"There can't be any hint of corruption in the criminal justice system," Haine said.

Stabbing

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officer responded to a report of a brawl in the 1000 block of Douglas Street. When the officer arrived he observed approximately 70-80 people in the street, and immediately called for backup.

Witnesses told him that there had been a stabbing, and the victim had been taken to the hospital and that his suspects had gone into the nearby home.

The officer went to the house where the suspects reportedly fled to, but was told by King who refused to allow the officer permission to search the home. "That nobody else was there. However, the officer observed Nickki Miller looking out the living room window.

Tillman was taken into cus-

tody in the living room of the home. Nickki Miller was hiding in a closet. Catherine Miller was found in a bedroom, and allegedly fought officers, who used pepper spray to subdue her.

They were taken to the Venice Police Department, where they declined to talk to officers.

After being released from the hospital, the victim gave a statement to police, saying she had been driving in the 1000 block of Douglas Street when Nickki Miller started yelling and threatened to cut her throat.

The victim ignored them, thinking they were yelling at someone else, and one of the suspect's alleged pulled her out of the car when she was stopped.

Women

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executive officer of the Suburban Journals, and Karen Carroll vice president and general manager of KMOX-TV (1120).

Both the Suburban Journals and KMOX annually sponsor the awards program, which honors 10 women who have contributed to making the St. Louis community a better place to live.

For over 40 years, our local towns have continued to produce outstanding women who are a credit to us all," Rice said.

"These special honorees were motivated not by recognition but by making a difference," Carroll said. "It takes several hands and needs growing each day, the need for caring women becomes more important. Where would we be without their generosity?"

Women's achievement began in 1955 and had honored 420 women prior to Wednesday's luncheon.

Honored this year were Mary Randolph Ballinger, volunteer; Lisa Baeu, business and community; Charmaine Chapman, community betterment; Margaret W. Dagen, lifetime achievement; Barbara Egleton, cultural enrichment; Joan Lipic, volunteer leadership; Grace Shen Lo, international awareness; Sister Mary Jeanne, civic responsibility; and Denise H. Wright, community service.

All were profiled at the luncheon during a special videotaped presentation.

"Volunteering is as necessary as the water we drink and the air we breathe," Egleton said.

Lipic said community work enriches one's life.

"I really feel everyone is a volunteer in their own special way. I truly believe those we are trying to help in turn help us grow," she said.

Ryan said her commitment to improving health care in the community made it vital for her to be involved in community organizations that ultimately contribute to that goal.

"We are here to help for a purpose, and my purpose is to make life much better for those in need," Wright said.

Ballinger's volunteerism has given her "so much more than I've given," she said.

Waste

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inating the stockpile of chemical weapons residue which still exists," Costello said.

"However, it still makes no sense to me to transport this waste 100 miles away when the capability exists to incinerate it on site."

Costello also said the EPA has denied the Army's request to cut short the public comment period on the waste transfer permit request.

The public comment period has been extended to June 1.

Army officials have reportedly said the waste must be eliminated to close the Johnston Atoll facility, and shipping it off-site is cheaper than getting a permit to use the \$200 million incinerator on the island.

It may cost the Army \$10 million to burn the waste at

the incinerator on the island, according to a published report. Transporting the waste to Saugatuck would have cost about \$2 million.

Tom Bramlette, TWI's general manager, said Thursday that his facility was one of several being considered by UXB, a waste disposal contractor for the federal government.

"We were scheduled to get it," Bramlette said. "What will happen with it now, I don't know."

Bramlette said the waste is bound for the chemical weapons program.

His facility is qualified to burn the waste, he said.

"We've been involved with giving our input to the proper authorities to make the decision they ultimately have to make," Bramlette said.

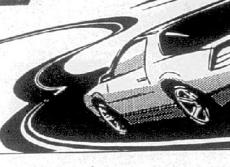
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NEWS

Mothers provide guiding principles of our lives

I dedicate this column to my mom and to所有 mothers everywhere. Mother's Day is a time of reflection and thanksgiving.

My heart stirs, as I search my mind for words to describe it. It seems hard to believe that 10 years has come and gone since my mother passed away. I recall her saying to me, "If I could only go back in time and know then what I know now."

I try to recollect bits and pieces of her wisdom. But if I only knew then what I know now ... How I long today for my mother's gentle touch, keen observation and loving advice. It never occurred to me, even once, that she would be gone in the blink of an eye.



Catherine Galasso

If that insight was revealed to me, I would have savored every minute I had with her. I would have asked her a thousand questions and we would have shared so much more.

Mothers are the source from which we derive the guiding principles of life. It's been said, "The hand that rocks the

cradle rules the world." George Washington wrote, "All I am, I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual, and physical education I received from her." A mother's heart is the classroom of a child. That love endures beyond time or death. My mother taught me to be kind. "Be nice to love ones," she would say.

My mother's truth and insight still rings in my ear and the sweetness of the tone

in her voice guides me onward. But God also has sent me substitute mothers "Angels" as I call them who have helped me along the way and who give me strength and comfort. If you haven't been blessed with a wonderful mother, ask God to lead you to someone who has a real mother's heart. He has someone out there for you.

My mother and I had an unspoken trust. On Mother's Day years ago, I packed a small bag of chocolates with an "I love you" note attached, under my mother's pillow. She loved it and thus it became a ritual — not just on Mother's Day, but at other times, too. We'd pass under-the-pillow

notes and gifts from my pillow to hers. As a little girl, I recall asking Mom not to know where I went to avoid being told I were just to anyone and they'd be our little secret. So she never spoke of our under-the-pillow messages.

Each day goes by that I do not think about my precious mother. Writing this for you, dear readers, makes me tremble with a longing to hug her and tell her how much I miss her through my tears. I think it's important for you, my friends, to learn from my experience. So right now, today, while you still can, write those notes of appreciation, say those words of love and thankfulness and give your mother an extra long

hug. The day after my mother passed away, under her mantlepiece, I found the little bundle of notes, cards and letters I gave to her through the years. Gently I held the notes to my heart and whispered a prayer that has clung to me all my life.

The greatest compliment I could say is, "Please, in all her love and kind ways, make me like my mother."

Catherine Galasso is a free-lance columnist for the Suburban Journals. You may write to her at Suburban Journals, 714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis 63131, or by e-mail at westnews@primary.net.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Community

ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL will have its Fourth Annual Trivia Night May 16. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with the event beginning at 7. Six-person teams can register at a cabin on Hwy. 179, 797-0167 or Kathy at 797-6245. Cost is \$60 per team in advance or \$72 per team at the door.

Price includes soda, snacks and beer. The event includes trivia,

attendance prizes and raffles. Players may bring their own food and drink.

CAHOOKA MOUNDS STATE HISTORIC SITE presents a three-mile naturewalk through the mounds and open field from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. May 16 starting at the Interpretive Center. An archaeologist will discuss research and interpretation of the various archeology sites along the trail, and a naturalist will describe the way plants

encountered on the trail were used by American Indians for food, medicine and fun. Participants are encouraged to bring the weather and bring something to drink if desired. The hike, which is free and open to the public, will be canceled if it is raining.

The Cahokia Dancers, a non-profit group will present free dance performances at the Interpretive Center auditorium at 2 and 3 p.m., May 24. "Cahokia Landscapes," a temporary exhibit through May, features paintings of the site by Collingsville artist Marc Sova; and color and black and white photographs by Tom Miller of Collingsville and Pete Bostrom of Troy.

Stage plays/musicals

SUMMER SHOWBIZ, the annual stock theater program at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, offers two Broadway blockbusters for summer fare this year. Meredith

Wilson's beloved "The Music Man" and the musical "Brigadoon" by Lerner and Lowe.

"The Music Man" will be staged at 7:30 p.m. June 11-14 and 18-21, and 2 p.m. June 15-19. "Brigadoon" will be performed at 7:30 p.m. July 9-12 and 16-19, and at 2 p.m. July 19-21. All performances are in SIUE's Community Auditorium.

Wilson's tribute to small-town life in the Midwest tells the story of the lovable con man Harold Hill who comes to a small town to make a fast buck by convincing the townspeople he can put together a children's band.

"Brigadoon" with its memorable score and lovely charm, is about two Americans who stumble on a magical town in Scotland. A land of wonder in which life and love bloom only once each 100 years. Tickets for each show are \$10. 50 for students, \$12 for adults, \$15 for SIUE students, and SIUE faculty and staff with valid ID. Tickets are available through the SIUE Fine Arts box office, call 692-2774.

MILESTONES

Jeanne Weidner celebrates a birthday today, May 10.

Dorothy Bridick celebrates a birthday today, May 10.

Dr. Robert Blankenship celebrates a birthday today, May 10.

Dave "Stinky" Davis celebrates a birthday May 11.

Clarence Ames Smith celebrates a birthday May 11.

Kaye Dover celebrates a birthday May 11.

Amber Nelson celebrates a birthday May 11.

Jennifer Schooley celebrates a birthday May 11.

Emily Modeste celebrates a birthday May 11.

Christine Myatt Davis celebrates a birthday May 12.

Joey R. Johnson celebrates a birthday May 12.

Patricia Moore celebrates a birthday May 12.

Mark Papp celebrates a birthday May 12.

Clyde Walker celebrates a birthday May 12.

John C. Arnold celebrates a birthday May 13.

Tim and Norma McKay celebrate an anniversary May 13.

Rachel Elizabeth Papp celebrates a birthday May 14.

Joseph Anthony Doroghazi celebrates a birthday May 14.

Don and Pat Durborow celebrate an anniversary May 15.

Steve Coffey celebrates a birthday May 15.

Neva Renkin celebrates a birthday May 15.

Michael Macilister celebrates a birthday May 15.

Michelle Macilister celebrates a birthday May 15.

Janice Turner celebrates a birthday May 15.

Sharon Robinson celebrates a birthday May 15.

Tammy Lynn Turner Utz celebrates a birthday May 15.

Charlene and June Bernaix celebrate an anniversary May 16.

Tony and Lori Rujawitz celebrate an anniversary May 16.

Beth Beach celebrates a birthday May 16.

Laura Hildebrand celebrates a birthday May 16.

Alexis Marie Cook celebrates a birthday May 16.

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HONORS

The following students at St. Elizabeth School in Granite City earned academic honors during the third quarter of the 1997-98 school year:

Honor Roll

Eighth Grade: Brian Dittman, Nathan Gaudreault, David Hartwick, Jennifer Hay, Kerry Koskie, William Kotsosky, Scott Mueller, Tony Ruesing.

Seventh Grade: Andy Bissell, Courtney Crews, Julie Fink, Michael Hartwick, Jamie Hatcher, Abigail Silva, Laura Stanfill.

Sixth Grade: Edie Carney, Jason Crain, Ryan Goske, Jake Hartwick, Ashley Shambro, Matt Skoklo.

Fifth Grade: Jennifer Agoian, Dennis Gato, Jeffery Carney, Jenna Ely, Megan Gavick, Anna Kromraj, Hannah Kotsosky, Steven Lickens, John Lubinski, Kristin McNamee, Natalie Ruesing, Mark Ryann, Lauren Smith.

Fourth Grade: Brittany Bellows, Brittney Berger, Avery Burton, Casey Coopersmith, Jessica Costillo, Michelle Costillo, Tasha Dittmore, Jonathan Dobek, Jennifer Doherty, Edward Elsasser, Thomas Gordon, Lauryn Kulazas, Jessica Nickle, Jessica Scarborough, Leah Stanfill, Lauren Stovall.

SIUE series has variety of music

This year's SummerArts '98 Concert Series at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville actually will have something for everyone.

Music professor Linda Perry has planned the program with variety in mind. The series of five consecutive Monday evening concerts begins June 8 and runs through July 6 on campus.

The first four evenings in the series are "An Evening of Piano Music" with James Woodward, on June 29, and jazz concert on July 6 with Reggie Thomas, Rick Haydon and Brad Cummins, head of the Jazz Studies Program for the department.

The SummerArts Concert Series will be offered in the Communications Building, choir room (June 8, July 6) and in Lovejoy Library auditorium (June 15, 22, 29). Admission is free.

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Collins, Fiala successful with local talent

By now you probably have heard the expression "putting up numbers" as used with reference to an athlete's achievements.

Yet, southwestern Illinois has a pair of collegiate baseball coaches whose numbers continue to make them among the best.

Regardless of postseason outcome, Gary "Bo" Collins of SIU-Edwardsville and Neil Fiala of Belleville Area College continue to support my contention that our area of Illinois competes with any other in the U.S. when it comes to the best.

Not only have SIUE and BAC again gained national poll recognition, they both passed milestones.

For Collins, the 1998 season saw him move past the 600 mark in career victories while Fiala enjoyed an unprecedented fourth consecutive season of 40 or more victories.

In 20 seasons of NCAA Division II action, Collins has bulked his lineup with players from southwestern Illinois high schools and community colleges.

By doing such, he ignores the Division II trend that has most of the teams at SIUE's No. 1 ranking, drawing talent from sun spots as Florida, Alabama or Mississippi.

Schools like Tampa or Delta State in the Southern are not sparked by the likes of senior-pitcher-firstbaseman Rob LeMarsh from Brussels, Ill., or junior-outfielder Mason Hogen from Valmeyer.

At BAC, this season's 27-man roster includes just five out-of-state players and an amazing number of 17 freshmen.

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Shannon Roth made six saves in goal.

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Granite City wins two, drop one

The Granite City girls soccer team came back across the river for three games week after an 0-1-1 performance in the St. Louis Francis Howell North Shootout.

The Lady Warriors won their first two games against Southwestern Illinois, falling to winning Edwardsville 6-0 last Monday and Belleville East 5-1 on Tuesday — before falling to an Illinois team for the first time this season.

Granite City, 8-3-2, dropped a 1-0 decision to Alton on Thursday.

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(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE JR.)

Granite City soccer player Jessica Vasiloff (29) clears the ball up field in the Lady Warriors' game against Edwardsville. The Lady Warriors won that matchup and another Southwestern Conference match before losing Thursday to Alton.



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Granite City's Crystal Cavins (left) watches after passing to keep the ball away from an Edwardsville defender during last Monday's game.

A night for family

Granite City wrestling tradition unites many

By Jason Sharp
Correspondent

Developing a sports program with a winning tradition is not an easy thing to do. It takes time and work, and good people dedicated to a task. It takes consistent success.

But the rewards of such tradition are obvious. Winning programs attract talented athletes, talented coaches and enthusiastic fans. Winning programs get respect. And they instill program.

The Granite City wrestling program is the embodiment of a winning tradition. And those involved with the program have plenty of reasons to be proud — more than 1,000 reasons actually.

The Warriors wrestling program won its 1,000th all-time match on Feb. 10 this season. The high school victory, a 45-18 triumph in the title match of the Cahokia Class AA regional, propelled Granite City to a milestone that no other high school wrestling program in America has reached.

When the 1998 season ended, with a loss in the IHSA Class AA state quarterfinals, the program's record sat at 1,003-145-10.

"I'm very proud to be a part of this," Granite City wrestling coach Mike Garlante said Thursday night at the Waukegan wrestling banquet. "We all did this together. There's a great tradition in this room. It's really something."

More than 350 members of the Granite City wrestling family were in attendance to celebrate at the Elks Lodge. The band set celebrated not only the success of the 1997-98 team but the program's 65 years of excellence.

Among those in attendance was Bill Williams. He posted the very first victory for GCHS wrestling against Wood River in 1934.

"It feels real good to be a part of such a tradition," Williams said. "To see a lot of people who did the same things I did. When it started, we didn't have anything to work with. But we put some things together and it worked out good."

That's a bit of understatement.

'*Granite City has a dedication to the sport of wrestling that is very moving. There's no secret to success in wrestling. It's hard work. It does a lot for young men, and it does a lot for families.'*

Mark Johnson

University of Illinois coach

Since the program's start in 1933-34, Granite City has won 33 conference championships, 33 IHSA regional championships and 37 IHSA sectional championships. It has placed in the top 10 of the IHSA state tournament 36 times.

In 65 years, Granite City has never had a losing season.

With so much already accomplished, old and current members of the wrestling program took time Thursday to reflect.

"We've had 65 years of continuous wrestling in Granite City," said former GCHS coach Bill "Red" Schmidt, the nation's second-winningshest prep wrestling coach of all time.

Schmidt coached at Granite City from 1951 to '85 and posted a record of 589-70-5. His all-time coaching mark is 602-71-5, according to the National Federation of High School Associations.

"But the records aren't the most important thing," Schmidt said. "I come from some of my most enjoyable seasons haven't been the ones with the best records. We've had quality people here. I've seen kids go from zero to being something on the wrestling mat."

Acknowledgments of the program's success came from outside the Granite City area as well.

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Edwardsville turns back Kahoks to remain unbeaten

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

Edwardsville High was tested twice this week by Southwestern Conference opponents and the Tigers passed both time with flying colors.

The Tigers topped Granite City 3-2 on Tuesday afternoon and then eked out a 2-1 victory over Collinsville. The two victories pushed the Tigers record to a

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perfect 21-0 on the spring.

"When I was a little growing up, I was pitching the No. 1 thing in baseball and defense was No. 2,"

Edwardsville coach Tom Pile said. "We proved that (Thursday)."

Edwardsville southpaw Justin Hampshire and Collinsville ace Kenny McIntosh staged quite a pitching duel. While Lutz (4-0) was throwing plenty of heat and painting the corners, Hampshire was baffling the Kahoks lineup with a variety of off-speed pitches.

"(Hampshire) was very good," Collinsville baseball coach Jim McFall said. "His fastball was good enough and his curveball turns over real well — and

he can throw it for strikes. You've got to give him credit."

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SPORTS

Collinsville alums will honor Fletcher

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

It's not a roast, but it is the next thing to one.

Members of the Collinsville High alumni are hosting an open house for the man every one in town knows simply as "Coach."

The event takes place from 7-10 p.m., Aug. 15 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Maryville.

Event organizers insist they are not roasting legendary basketball coach Vergil Fletcher, who many publications have called the greatest high school basketball coach of all time. Instead, the alumni simply want to extend an invitation to all former Collinsville High athletes, managers, cheerleaders and fans of the Fletcher era (1946-1978) to attend the open house.

Fletcher coached the Kahoks boys basketball team for 32 seasons. During that time, he won two state titles (1961, 1965), and finished second (1957), third (1978) and fourth (1950). He won 20 Southwestern Conference basketball titles. His career marks stands at 747-141 for an 814 winning percentage.

"The biggest problem is trying to find out where are all these people live. What we have attempted to do is have one individual in each class from all those years who played for him try to help us locate folks," Sapp said. "That is where the challenge has been."

Hor d'oeuvres will be served and a cash bar available. Tickets are \$10 and are on sale at Bogue Redmoor Insurance Agency, 1005 St. Louis Road; and Your Insurance Agency (Pat Darling), 208 E. Main St.

Sapp hopes his event will draw a large crowd. Sapp said letters have been sent all over the country to those Collinsville High athletes who had Fletcher as a coach in basketball, football, track or cross country.

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Collinsville's Vergil Fletcher coached the boys basketball team to 747 victories.

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Sean Hay	844
Jerry Kimberlin	768
Bob Wilbur	749
Rich Hamilton	744
Chris Hause	726
Dick Gembicki	725
Joe Legendre	715
Steve Mollitor	703
Rob Barker	691
Rich Alford	677
Frank Wepling	673

Men's High Game

Sean Hay	300
Bob Wilbur	299
Chris Hause	288
Dick Gembicki	279
Jerry Kimberlin	278
Chris Hause	278
Keith Miller	279
Fred Graham	278
John Staub Jr.	268
John Deloach	267
Dick Gembicki	267
Steve Mollitor	267

Women's High Series

Janice Hill	631
Janie Edgerton	623
Michele Spence	599
Brenda Black	592
Sharon Crossen	592
Mary Ruth Hunter	592
Krisin Kraus	586
Alice Purdes	585
Michelle Spence	584
Gail Smith	582
Janie Edgerton	577
Becky	576

Women's High Game

Jamie Hogenoson	247
Lori Yanousek	237
Alice Purdes	236
Leanne Schaefer	236
Laura Rose	236
Mary Ruth Hunter	234
Michelle Spence	234
Michelle Spence	232
Gail Smith	227
Janie Edgerton	225
Marcia Graham	224
LeAnne Robinson	222
Loretta Fodge	222

Juniors Boys Series

Sean Hay	560
Bob Wilbur	550
Chris Hause	549
Dick Gembicki	549
Jerry Kimberlin	549
Keith Miller	549
Chris Hause	549
John Staub Jr.	549
John Deloach	549
Dick Gembicki	549
Steve Mollitor	549

Juniors Girls Series

Sean Hay	476
Bob Wilbur	467
Chris Hause	467
Dick Gembicki	467
Jerry Kimberlin	467
Keith Miller	467
Chris Hause	467
John Staub Jr.	467
John Deloach	467
Dick Gembicki	467
Steve Mollitor	467

Friday B Boys High Series

Andrew Bauer	335
Matthew Kuykendall	301
Boys High Games	192
Thomas Elbert	162
Girls High Series	257
Deanna Chamberlain	250
Erin Dickey	148
Girls High Games	139
Erin Dickey	139

Friday B Girls High Series

Sean Hay	160
Bob Wilbur	153
Chris Hause	153
Dick Gembicki	153
Jerry Kimberlin	153
Keith Miller	153
Chris Hause	153
John Staub Jr.	153
John Deloach	153
Dick Gembicki	153
Steve Mollitor	153

Saturday B Boys Series

Sean Hay	-
Bob Wilbur	229
Chris Hause	227
Dick Gembicki	227
Jerry Kimberlin	227
Keith Miller	227
Chris Hause	227
John Staub Jr.	227
John Deloach	227
Dick Gembicki	227
Steve Mollitor	227

Saturday B Girls Series

Sean Hay	-
Bob Wilbur	105
Chris Hause	105
Dick Gembicki	105
Jerry Kimberlin	105
Keith Miller	105
Chris Hause	105
John Staub Jr.	105
John Deloach	105
Dick Gembicki	105
Steve Mollitor	105

Sunday Prep Boys Series

Sean Hay	-
Bob Wilbur	105
Chris Hause	105
Dick Gembicki	105
Jerry Kimberlin	105
Keith Miller	105
Chris Hause	105
John Staub Jr.	105
John Deloach	105
Dick Gembicki	105
Steve Mollitor	105

Sunday Parent/Youth Men Series

Terry McQueen	621
Brandon Hargerson	572
Women Series	-
Lori Rumage	502
Pat Nicolet	489

Boys Series

Paul Krause	-
Andrew McGarrahan	428
Girls Series	-
Patricia Rumage	463
Ashley Thomas	434
Jeana Pyle	434
Men Games	227
Terry McQueen	227
Jake Lutz	211

Saturday Prep Boys Series

Scott Rushing	313
James Elbert	290
Girls Series	-
Dawn Dankenbring	298
Jackie Bean	274

Sunday Parent/Youth Girls Series

Terry McQueen	621
Brandon Hargerson	572
Women Series	-
Lori Rumage	502
Pat Nicolet	489

Friday A Boys Series

Scott Rushing	313
James Elbert	290
Girls Series	-
Dawn Dankenbring	298
Jackie Bean	274

Friday A Girls Series

Frank Halvack	-
Bud Crone	621
Women's High Series	-
Dorothy Vasquez	512
Virginia Lynch	512

Saturday B Girls Series

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Bud Crone	621
Women's High Series	-
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Virginia Lynch	512

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Frank Halvack

SPORTS**•Wrestling**

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"I don't know if you realize the magnitude of our good high school tradition," said University of Illinois wrestling coach Mark Johnson, the guest speaker at Thursday's event. "I think the next closest is one out of Pennsylvania at 700. It's a real honor for me to come here tonight."

"Granite City has a dedication to the sport of wrestling that is very moving. There's no secret to success in wrestling. It's hard work. It does a lot for young men, and it does a lot for families."

Maybe it's the family connection that makes Granite City such a dominating force in prep wrestling. Going back through the program's history, it's easy to trace the names of fathers and sons, uncles and brothers who've shared the in tradition.

Tom Sparks, a fourth-place state finisher in 1958, had two sons who were on the GCCC program, Tom and Mike Trigovich, who helped establish the Granite City Wrestling Club, a feeder program to involve young kids in the sport, in 1981 to keep the tradition thriving.

"The program has put out some good, good kids," Sparks said. "I know some kids who have mats in their rooms, down in the basement. Wrestling does a lot for them."

"Wrestling just gets in your blood,"

Granite City wrestling coach Mike Garland has guided the Warriors to 249 of the program's 1,003 victories. Garland has been coaching the squad since 1988.

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Mike Garland
Granite City coach

explained Walt Whitaker, who wrestled in the Granite City program (1948-51) and coached the team in 1986-87.

Whitaker, who coached at Cahokia and then at Granite City North High School when it opened in 1973, had a son (Mark) wrestle at Granite City. Mark Whitaker has been an assistant coach at GCHS since 1984.

"It's been a family tradition in Granite City," Walt Whitaker said. "This is a great night."

Whitaker was proud of his family's unique place in the tradition.

"I was Red's first team captain in 1951," Whitaker said. "Then my son, Mark, was Red's last captain when he retired in 1985."

"You have to understand that tradition," said Mark Whitaker. "It's a family thing, like a cycle. It's such a close-knit unit, there's nothing else like it. It's pretty neat."

Another prominent member of Granite City's wrestling family is Mike Garland, the team's head coach since 1988. He is second only to Schmitt in career victories

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Mark Whitaker
Granite City assistant coach

with a record of 249-37-2.

"I think Red summed it up when he said it's been 65 years of continuous wrestling," Whitaker said. "It's not the winning; it's that the wrestling has continued. I am proud of the kids who wrestle today that wanted to be here to witness this kind of tradition. There's a lot of old and new."

Garland said he brought wrestling home for practice and passed it along to his brothers, helping spur their interest in the sport.

"You know, wrestling is not for everyone," Garland said. "You really have to want it. It's a 24-hour thing with your diet and conditioning. It's not like you can turn it off."

At the banquet Thursday, some key people were honored for their contributions to Granite City wrestling. Recognized for their family contribution to the wrestling program were Walt and Jennette Wilson Blackie and Clara Trgovich, and Bob and Pat Garland. Awards for super fans were presented to Chuck and Ann Ganz. And Helen Burgfield was given the appreciation award.

•Baseball

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nis Russell threw to third base, allowing Seibert to advance to second.

Edwardsville's Matt Evers then hit a frozen rope down the right field line in the eighth, easily scoring Opel and Seibert.

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Brown shows versatility for O'Fallon

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

O'Fallon baseball coach Art Voellinger is pleased with the accomplishments of senior Rob Brown, but he's hardly surprised.

Through 16 games, the 6-foot-1, 205-pound senior pitcher/first baseman was batting .490 with six home runs and 30 RBI for the Panthers, who took a record into Friday's game at Belleville East.

In limited pitching duty, Brown was 0-1 with a 5.25 ERA in eight innings.

Brown also played three varsity seasons of soccer for Voellinger as a goalkeeper for O'FHS. He is now a key reserve and 3-point shooting specialist for the O'Fallon basketball team.

"His season so far is equivalent to some people's整个春天," Voellinger said. "He's not only a versatile athlete, he's a two-position player in baseball. He shows a lot of poise because of his experience in pressure situations. He's been a delight to coach."

Brown made the varsity baseball team as a sophomore,



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season, but I probably could have done a little better," Brown said. "I still pretty much got a good look, but I've adjusted to that pretty well."

"I've improved my contact and I'm starting to be more of a leader by example. We had a great team last year, but we also have a great team this year, and it's overall balanced. Coming into the season, I expected nothing but the best. We're sold up and down the lineup."

"We had a couple games more in the season that we should have won. It's been hard with all the bad weather, but I feel like we're starting to get into a groove."

Batting in the No. 4 spot, Brown has a .581 on-base per-

cent. "(Voellinger) pretty much knew what to expect out of me," Brown said. "He keeps pretty close tie with all of his players, and he knew I knew what I had to do this year. I try to hit line drives and get on base so my teammates can

move me over."

"I hit fifth early in the season, but it doesn't make too much difference to me. Most teams aren't thinking when I come get a good look, but I've adjusted to that pretty well."

"I'm really surprised by my

(home run and RBI) totals," Brown said. "It's been a great year, and I'm looking forward to the rest of the season."

"I developed my 3-point shot the last two seasons. Last junior year, with JV team, Mr. Kellerman (the new varsity basketball coach) allowed me to step outside, and that became my strength. I was better from 3-point range than 2-point range this year."

"In soccer, being a goalkeeper helped me out for baseball. I developed quick hands and I was able to scoop the ball up at first base."

While Brown enjoys soccer and basketball, baseball is his No. 1 sport.

"I'm waiting to see if I get any (scholarship) offers, but I want to play baseball in college," said Brown. "I plays in the summer for O'Fallon's American Legion team. "I want to go to a school with a good academic tradition. I want to major in communications."

Alton's Schmidt celebrates another win vs. Baker, Granite City

By Dave Whaley
Staff writer

Don Schmidt figured he had reached his goal two months ago, but he scored another zinger on Thursday night.

Schmidt, the Alton High soccer coach, got his first-ever win over the Granite City Redbirds girls team followed that with a 1-0 win over the Lady Warriors on Thursday at Gordon Moore Park.

"It's a long time coming," said Schmidt, who has coached the girls program for eight years. "I have the utmost respect for Gene Baker. This feels great."

Baker has won nine state titles with the Granite City boys program, and his girls teams have consistently been among the best in the area and the nation.

"Alton played with a lot of emotion tonight," Baker said.

"The goal was a beautiful one,

but we gave the ball away at midfield with some sloppy play."

Lindsey Kennedy scored the goal at 26 minutes, 12 seconds of the first half. She took a pass from freshman Katie Hammon and was moving left to right about 20 yards from the Granite City goal. She then placed a clever left-footer back to the near corner behind Lady Warriors goalie Shannon Roth for her 11th goal of the

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ALTON 1,
GRANITE CITY 0

season.

"I give Lindsey full credit tonight," Schmidt said. "We've said in the past that she doesn't always play well or score against the better teams, but she was good all over the field tonight."

"Initially, Kennedy is probably the best player on this side of the river," Baker said.

The Redbirds (8-5-1) didn't let down after the goal and controlled the midfield for most of the half with good play from Kristin Card and Terry McNamee. Defenders Sarah Ruckman and Kristy Hamilton were able to withstand the Granite City attack.

"They made some timely slide tackles," Baker said of

the Alton defense. "Some of them could have been called for fouls, but it seems like the officials are more interested in making calls at midfield that are relatively insignificant."

Amber Wayman, Alton's sophomore goalie, also came up big on several occasions, most notably when she tipped Ismailan Mohsen's shot over the crossbar with 10 minutes left. Melissa Montgomery had the Lady Warriors' final chance with two minutes left,

but was wide from a sharp angle.

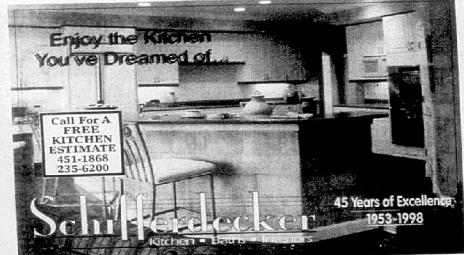
Granite City fell to 8-3-2 on the season following its first loss to an Illinois team.

"This one was for me," Schmidt said. "It was a great one for the girls. They get it wrong. But who knows when I might get this chance again? The difference tonight was the girls came out thinking they could win."



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Granite City's Melissa Montgomery scored two goals last week against Belleville East and nearly converted a shot to tie Thursday's game against Alton.



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SOCIETY NEWS

Habitat group seeks volunteers

The East St. Louis chapter of Habitat for Humanity is now seeking volunteers for a house-building "Blitz" June 15.

Habitat is a nonprofit, Christian housing ministry that seeks to eliminate substandard housing worldwide.

Selected homeowner families are required to invest "sweat equity" labor hours into the construction of their homes.

Habitat's selects homeowners based on three principles:

the family's need for adequate shelter, the ability to pay and the willingness to be a partner.

Houses are sold at no profit to partner families and financed with no interest mortgages. Costs are kept low through donations from individuals, corporations, churches and the use of volunteer labor.

In East St. Louis, the 1994 Blitz built eight houses; the 1996 Blitz built four houses.

Three houses are scheduled to be built in 1998.

Volunteers are needed for labor, security, food service, materials handling, landscaping and all other aspects of building a home.

The registration fee is \$25 and includes insurance, a T-shirt, hard hat and other equipment. Children under 18 must complete a minor's release.

The Blitz begins June 15. For information, call 271-7979.

SIUE professors share respect with students

Dennis Grubaugh
Telegraph staff writer

Charlotte Frisbie and Eric Voss share a love of students, and their students feel like it.

The pair are co-recipients of this year's SIUE Teaching Excellence Awards, which receive plaques during commencement ceremonies May 2.

Frisbie, a professor of anthropology, also won the award in 1971, after her first year of teaching at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsburg.

"She's had an incredible record of good teaching," said Sidney Denny, a professor and the head of the Anthropology Department. "She is very demanding and at the same time extraordinarily well-prepared and willing to spend the individual time with students to get them what they need."

Frisbie said she is "deeply

honored" to receive the award. "There are an awful lot of good teachers on campus, not just caring, knowledgeable and prepared, but in caring," she said.

Denny has known Frisbie for more than 30 years, long before she came to the university.

"When we first started, the standard style of teaching was lecture. Period. That has changed over the years to teach-

ing, active learning. There is more participation by students in question-answer sessions, debates, in-class presentations and student group projects," Denny said.

"Faculty tend to use what works, and in Charlotte's case, she uses all the techniques," he said.

Her rapport with students is almost familial, he said.

"Most of them call her Charlotte — or at least the (course)

majors do. She can be informal, but the hallmark of her teaching is the students know she expects a lot from them."

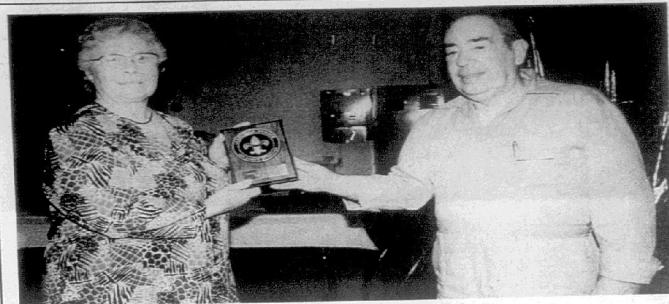
Denny said, "It is neat" to stay in touch with students who advance from the SIUE undergraduate anthropology program to success in the field.

"We've had a number that have gotten PhDs," she said.

Frisbie has worked with the National Honors Society in Anthropology and been involved in national training regarding the teaching of Native American studies.

"Active" and "caring" are words that Chemistry Department Chair James Ellers uses to describe Eric Voss of Glen Carbon, an assistant professor of chemistry.

"He is one of the most dedicated teachers I've run into in my life," Ellers said. "Students just know he cares."

**Cooperation brings results**

Maxine Duniphin, Chouteau Township Senior Citizens vice president, accepts a plaque from Le Roy Stark, charter representative for Cub Scout Pack 141 and liaison officer for the seniors and the Scouts. The plaque was presented to the senior organization in appreciation of their sponsorship of Pack 141. The plaque was awarded to the Scouts for their participation in the Friends of Scouting event, which included contacting friends, parents and family members for donations. Money collected will be used to support the Scouting programs.

AIM helps kids zoom in
Summer program continues to grow in popularity

By Jason White
Staff writer

As executive director of Adventures in Motivation, Stanford Scott helps children target their dreams.

Scott founded AIM in 1989 to give children an alternative to the streets through cultural, educational, recreational and social opportunities. Since 1989, AIM's summer program has reached more than 3,000 children in East St. Louis and surrounding towns.

The six-week program includes drug education, math, science and reading instruction, computer classes, acting and dance classes and a wide range of team and individual sports.

AIM also organizes field trips to colleges, historical sites and museums.

"We provide them with the resources that are missing in their everyday lives, in some cases," Scott said.

Today AIM has grown to include yearround tutoring and mentoring, a parent education program and four Safe Haven after-school sites with about 500 children.

AIM has received national, state and local recognition, but Scott downplays the accolades.

"I'm not awards kind of person," he said. "Tomorrow I might be gone, but AIM will still be here."

Instead, Scott attributes AIM's success to collaboration with a wide variety of organizations, government agencies and businesses. "I've gotten tremendous support from people," he said.

The staff also plays a big role. "Staff know to always be an adult to the child," Scott said. "You set the example for them."

Without any advertising or publicity, AIM has to turn

'Our thing is to treat all kids the same — in a loving, supporting, attention-giving manner.'

Stanford Scott
AIM executive director

away 300 children each year from the summer program. Scott often walks late into the night writing grant proposals.

"I never have an opportunity to ask for money," he said.

But he stresses that he never shapes the program to fit grant requirements. "My priority is to get them in talking to people straight up," Scott said.

All of the activities in the summer program revolve around building self-confidence, developing leadership abilities and teaching interpersonal skills.

"Our thing is to treat all kids the same — in a loving, supporting, attention-giving manner," Scott said.

"We do not accept excuses about past problems or present problems," he said.

"We realize we are an economically depressed community — we realize all of these things that people write about, but those are in our minds, is no excuse to fail."

"I don't want you growing up thinking before you leave the house that you are defective," he said. "Race isn't determining it. Economics doesn't determine it, it's what's in you that determines what you are."

AIM focuses on small changes — for example, every child is expected to get a library

card and open a bank account before the program is over.

"It's like a drip of water on a rock, one drop at a time," Scott said.

"The change is so slow you won't see it but if you come back you will be amazed at the change."

One of AIM's main important goals is to develop a child's interests and talents. "We want to whet that appetite so that they want to do something," he said.

"We think kids should be allowed to live, learn and grow," Scott said. "I think society has a tendency to rush our kids."

"I used to get up in the morning, look up and it was like, 'I'm late,'" he said.

"Our kids don't get that luxury now. They have to watch out for things. Kids can't ever have the freedom that people my age had."

Scott, a sports enthusiast, said the team concept is also essential to AIM participants.

"We're not trying to develop the next Tiger Woods or Michael Jordan," he said.

"Our thing is to not forget the participants," Scott said. "We don't ask our kids to finish first, we ask them to finish the race."

"If they finish the race, they're a winner."

The team approach also applies to improving East St. Louis and surrounding communities.

"We have relied too much as a race on individuals... rather than collective decision-making," he said.

"I'd spot up at the top, because politics is the art of compromise."

"I think the only thing that's ever going to change East St. Louis is East St. Louisans — when individuals wake up and say 'I'm tired of this.'"

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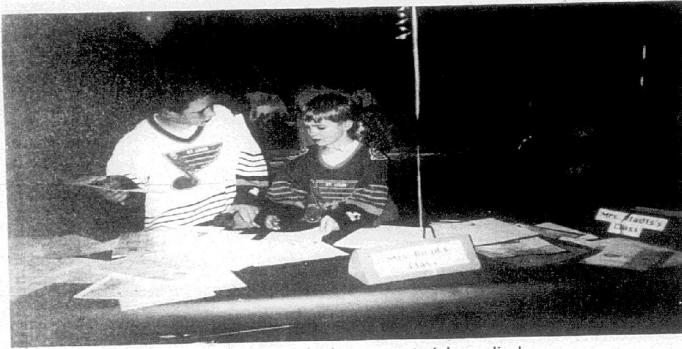
COMMUNITY



Mr. Haefner took charge of the book sale. He is dressed as a Chinese brother.



Student Josh Carrico visits at the book sale table.



Two students dressed in Blues shirts look over material on display.

CALENDAR

Groups

THE ST. CLAIR COUNTY LA LECHE LEAGUE meets at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 20 at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Bunker Road, Fairview Heights to discuss the benefits of breast-feeding for newborns. Call 398-MOMS for more information.

THE DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA, CIRCLE 300 meet at a Mac's and Friends meeting at noon on Wednesday, May 20 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 3810 N. Illinois St., Belleville. Ladies will also form a living rosary in honor of Blessed Mary.

O'FALLON OPTIMIST CLUB meets at noon on Wednesday, May 20 at The Barn Restaurant on Hartman Lane.

THE LINCOLN TRAIL H-12 meets at noon on Wednesday, May 13 at Shoney's Restaurant. All Master Masons are invited to attend.

A NOON LUNCHEON AND CARD PARTY will be held at the Wadsworth, 1320 W. Main, Belleville, May 20. N. Douglas, Belleville.

THE BOHLEN CHAPTER 1010, BELLEVILLE CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES meets at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13 at the George Edison Club, 100 W. Hines and D. Edwards, Belleville. For more information, call Ellouise Barranco at 233-3546.

THE NEW SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB meets at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13 at the Caseyville Township Building, 10001 Bunker Road.

THE LADIES AUXILIARY OF FAITH AND COUNTRY VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 6677 will serve homemade dinner at 6 p.m. every Wednesday at the Post Home, 5325 N. Illinois, Belleville. For more information, call 233-3546.

THE LADIES AUXILIARY OF NEW HEIGHTS MEMORIAL VFW POST 8677 will have a bingo party and visit John Cochran Veterans' Medical Center on May 16 at 6 p.m. Wednesday. Members will leave the post, 5325 N. Illinois St.

THE O'FALLON LIONS CLUB meets at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13 at the Western Sizzler in O'Fallon.

BELLEVILLE CHARTER CHAPTER ABWA meets at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20, at Pflueger's Restaurant, 120 N. Main St., Belleville. The program will include sixth-grade chorus members from Queen of Peace Catholic School directed by Patricia Buckrod and accompanied by Belinda Bursworth. Scholarships recipients will also be announced. The cost is \$27. For more information, are needed by May 18. For more information, call Hazel at 234-2177.

NEW BEGINNINGS SHOWTIME CHORUS meets at 7 p.m. every Wednesday at the Church of the Epiphany, 10090 Old Lincoln Trail, Fairview Heights. Women who are interested in singing and performing are invited to attend.

rehearsals. For more information, call Alice at 235-5321 or 277-0439.

THE DEPRESSIVE AND SUICIDE ASSOCIATION OF ST. LOUIS hosts self-help group meetings at 7 p.m. every Wednesday in the Cypress Room of St. Louis Hospital, 211 S. Third St., Belleville. Call the DMDA at 314-644-7871.

THE BELLEVILLE-SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE STAMP CLUB meets at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13 at Goss French Academy, 219 W. Main. Call Bill Schaefer, pres., at 234-5742.

O'FALLON SENIOR CITIZENS meet at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20 at 601 E. State St. in O'Fallon.

O'FALLON BASS CASTERS ASSOCIATION meets at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20 at the Thunderbird Restaurant (two miles east of Shiloh on Wherry Road).

COLLINSVILLE-BELLEVILLE AREA GARDENING CLUB meets from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20 at Programs and Services for Older Persons (PSOP), 201 N. Church St., Belleville. For additional information, call Dawn Corral at 234-2194.

THE BELLEVILLE CHAPTER OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR meets at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20 at the Scott VFW Post #4163.

UNDERWATER SEARCH AND RECOVERY TEAM meets at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13 at O'Fallon Township Building.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN meets at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20, in honor of Mother's Day. The program will be "Pioneer Women of the Belleville Area" by Davis. For more information, call 234-1440.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN are college graduates or currently enrolled in college.

THE BELLEVILLE CHAPTER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION meets at 1 p.m. on Thursday at the Elks Club, 1481 S. Illinois, Belleville. Margaret Faubaul, a member of the chapter and member of the Shiloh Gardeners, will present a formal and country garden arrangement. She will also assemble a topiary during her direction. The cost is \$10. Call Betty Shrouf at 397-1230 for more information.

THE SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS MEDIA CLUB meets at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday at Fischer's Restaurant, 2100 W. Main St., Belleville. Call 632-7630.

THE LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE AMERICAN LEGION FOR MEMORIAL DAY meets at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday at the American Legion Freedom Farm in Freeburg. The nomination of new officers will be held.

FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS JAYCEE WOMEN meets at 8 p.m. on Thursday at St. Clair Bowl, 5950 Old Collinsville Road.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets at 8 p.m. every Thursday at Church of Christ, 3550 Falling Springs Road in Cahokia. For more information, call 236-4907.

O'FALLON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

meets at noon on Thursday at the Western Sizzlin' Steak House, 1411 W. Highway 50, O'Fallon.

THE FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS KIWANIS CLUB meets at 12:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Cypress Room in Fairview Heights. For more information, call Richard Erdmann at 397-9798.

THE ST. CLAIR TOASTMASTERS CLUB meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday at the Elks Lodge, 1481 S. Illinois, Belleville. The group builds leadership and communication skills from proven materials every week. Anyone 18 years of age can join. Call Ray Adams at 277-5622 for more information.

THE BELLEVILLE CAMERA CLUB meets at 7 p.m. on Thursday in the auditorium of the Bell Senior Center (PSOP), 201 N. Church St., Belleville. Doris Alberts will be presenting a program on photographic toning. Call Carol Younger at 236-8287 for more information.

THE FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS JAYCEE WOMEN meets at 7 p.m. on Thursday at the Post Home, 423 S. Illinois St., Belleville.

THE SLAVER'S DAIRY WESTERN DAIRY CLUB meets at 7 p.m. on Thursday at Bell Air-Bowl, 1703 N. Bell West.

O'FALLON TOASTMASTER'S 994 meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday at Western Sizzlin', 1411 W. Highway 50, O'Fallon.

CHAPTER 2535 OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS meets at 1 p.m. on Saturday at the Urban Kuhn Hall, 1900 W. Bellefontaine, St. Louis.

THE COLLINSVILLE HERB SOCIETY meets at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Jaycees Civic Center, 2016 Keebler in Collinsville.

THE MONTANA MORNING SENIOR GOLF LEAGUE meets at 9 a.m. every Monday at Yestown Golf Club on Anderson Lane in Belleville.

O'FALLON ROTARY CLUB meets at noon every Monday at the city's American Legion Hall.

TOPS, ILL. 1913, Scott AFB meets at 4:45 p.m. every Monday in the Aero Medical Wing of the base hospital. Call 531-2527 for more information.

PARENTS ANONYMOUS, a support group for parents experiencing stress with their reading, meets at 6 p.m. on Monday. Call 398-1152 or 482-2714 for location.

O'FALLON KIWANIS CLUB meets at 8:45 a.m. every Monday at the O'Fallon Knights of Columbus Hall.

MENDED HEARTS INC. meets at 7 p.m. on Monday at Memorial Hospital or St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Cal 533-5420.

GROW IN ILLINOIS meets at 7 p.m. every Monday at 203 S. Charles Street, Belleville. GROW is a voluntary association of people who seek mental and social support. For information, call 235-4868.

THE LADIES OF FAITH AND HEIGHTS meet at 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Church of Christ, 3550 Falling Springs Road in Fairview Heights.

THE EDGE OF ILLINOIS CHORUS, a women's barbershop group, meets at 7:30 p.m. every Monday at 311 E.

The theme for the 1997/1998 Lake School open house was "Open Your Door to a World of Books."

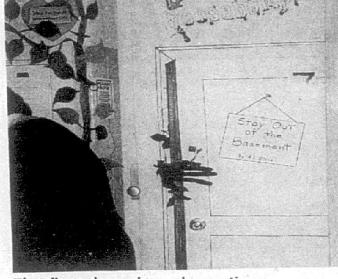
Approximately 400 parents and students attended the open house at Lake School on Jan. 29.

A door decorating contest was held where each door in the building was decorated around a storybook theme.

Mrs. Becherer's classroom took second place and Mrs. Hollis' classroom took second place. Students were treated to a special luncheon in the cafeteria. In the gymnasium, writings by the student were displayed, refreshments were served, and a used book sale was held.

Parents and students were able to register for attendance prizes, visit classrooms, and vote on their favorite door display. Parents had the opportunity to obtain information on the homework hotline and monthly activities in the building.

Principal Nancy Sanders would like to thank everyone who helped to prepare for this special event. A special thanks to parent and students for visiting the open house.



The first-place door decorations.

Lake School open house celebrates books, learning

Cahokia. For more information, call 286-4807.

THE FREEBURG CHAPTER #542 ORDER OF EASTERN STAR meets at 8 p.m. on Tuesday at the Freeburg Masonic Temple, 205 W. High St. Call 475-2296.

Health

JOURNEY OF HOPE, a family and friend support group for Alliance of Mentally Ill, meets at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13 at 208 S. High St., Belleville. For more information, call 234-2173.

MAKE TODAY COUNT, a cancer support group, meets at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20 in Room 401 of the Health and Education Building, 225 W. Lincoln St., Belleville. Call Marsha Connor at 277-7098 or 234-2120.

THE ADDITIONS SERVICE PROGRAM at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville is sponsoring a Family Education Program at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20 on the fourth floor of the hospital. The video, "What About Me?" will be shown, describing how family experience the process of recovery. The program is open to anyone and there is no charge. For more information, call 514-983-2777 for the location of the meetings and additional information.

TOPS #221, in Cahokia meets from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., and 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Tops provides accessible and affordable alternatives to victims of family violence and their children. The St. Louis chapter, 514-983-2777 for the location of the meetings and additional information.

EMOTIONS ANONYMOUS meets at 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday at King's House, 8600 W. Main St. in Belleville. Call 236-7675 for information.

OVEREATING ANONYMOUS meets at 8 p.m. on Wednesday at King's House, North 6th Street, Belleville.

STUDY LOSS SUPPORT GROUP, sponsored by St. Elizabeth's Hospital in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, meets at 7 p.m. on Thursday in Room 106 of Belleville Area College's Programs and Services for Older Persons, 201 N. Church St., Belleville. For more information, call 234-4416, Ext. 33.

SHARE, a mutual support group for parents of grandparents who have experienced the death of a newborn, stillborn or a miscarriage, meets at 7 p.m. on Thursday in Room 301 at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, 220 W. Lincoln, Belleville. Call 234-2120, Ext. 1293.

DEPRESSED ANONYMOUS meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday at Holy Cross Episcopal Church, 9801 Old Lincoln, Fairview Heights. The group meets at 7 p.m. on Thursday in Room 106 of St. George's Episcopal Church, North High and East D Streets, Belleville. The 12-step program is designed for people who begin to take responsibility for their life situations. For information call 632-6757 or 277-3788.

EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS meets at 7 p.m. on Tuesday in the conference room of Southern Illinois Bank, Belleville. Call 234-2120.

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Crown Victoria

Ford's Crown Victoria gets freshened up for 1998

By Tom Strongman

The Crown Victoria was in and around my household for more than a week, and my wife's parents were the first to really notice it.

"They raved about its styling, its spacious velvet interior and the fact that it looks sort of like a Lincoln (which it does). Their enthusiasm for this V-8-powered, rear-wheel-drive car reveals that this car is targeted at buyers who are schooled in the ways of the full-size sedans that are so uniquely American."

Most of them—Chevrolet Caprice, Cadillac Fleetwood and Buick Roadmaster—are names of the past, now out of production. Along with Lincoln's Town Car, the Ford Crown Victoria and its successor, the Grand Marquis, are the three remaining full-size front-engine, rear-drive sedans offered by a domestic manufacturer. The Crown Victoria is extremely popular as a police car, too.

The Crown Vic remains in demand because it has Ford's silky 4.6-liter, SOHC V-8 engine; a full-perimeter frame; seating for six; and a boulevard ride. On top of that, prices start \$21,540 for the base model and \$23,740 for the LX, which is the model I drove.

For 1998 the Crown Victoria has been freshened up front and rear with new fascia, lights and grill. The grill is taller, and the headlights are bigger. Taillights are also larger, and the rear window is turned up lip. The rear window is more upright and the roof line less curved. The look is more formal.

But the significant changes for 1998 go well beyond styling. They provide tighter handling, better braking and improved traction when the weather is bad.

In back, the rear axle uses a Watt's linkage to limit axle movement and stabilize the tracking of the rear wheels. Thus, according



Ford has refined its better steering feel and less body roll through pavement. I noted the back wheels steer around a little, but in general the handling is certainly on par with other cars in this segment.

The test car was equipped with the optional handling package similar to that on the police car models, and it was more composed in turns and handled lane changes with greater precision. The package includes air springs, a lower axle ratio, dual exhausts, heavier stabilizer bars and performance tires. The dual exhausts raise engine output from 200 horsepower to 215, which is another reason to bring the V-8 into the picture.

Front and rear rotors and dual-piston calipers contribute to better braking.

This year the traction control system has been upgraded so it works at all speeds, not just in starting off. Traction control is the responsibility for making rear-wheel-drive cars like the Crown Victoria safer and more drivable in winter conditions. I noticed the traction light winked occasionally when I was driving in the rain, which meant it was doing its job even better.

While the Crown Vic is not overly powerful, its overhead-cam V-8 is extremely smooth and free of annoying vibrations. The automatic transmission's shifts are the noticeable, and the button at the end of the shift lever is handy for shifting out of overdrive for climbing up hills or working in and out of traffic with a sharper throttle response.

Inside the large passenger compartment, appointments are nearly as plush as a luxury car. Our test car had six-way power seats, automatic air conditioning and digital instru-

ments. This instrument package is not my favorite because the large, bright green numbers contrast with the understated tones of the rest of the interior.

The seats are wide and flat for easy entry, but scooting in and out can be difficult because the velour upholstery grabs your clothes almost like Velcro. The wide seats feel like bucket with the arm rests folded down, but fold them up and you need almost as much room as the Town Car.

This is a wide car. For drivers with short arms, reaching the radio in the center of the dash takes a bit of a stretch, but temperature controls are easier because they are much closer.

The back seat can hold three abreast, although two is certainly more comfortable. Leg room is easily adequate for adults.

And the trunk is large enough to hold almost as much room as the Town Car.

As long as full-size cars such as the Crown Victoria and Grand Marquis continue to be updated with more responsive suspensions, effective brakes and all-speed traction control, the demand will remain.

Last year we had a base price of \$23,740. Options included the handling and performance package, digital instrumentation, six-way power seats, anti-lock brakes, traction control, automatic climate control, 16-inch aluminum wheels, floor mats and a conventional spare tire.

The basic warranty is for three years or 36,000 miles.

POINTS & PLUGS

By Rick Stoff

Cooper Automotive, based in St. Louis, could be leaving its parent company, Industries announced in April, it has asked Merrill Lynch & Co. for advice concerning its automotive business.

Industries is based in Houston. The company's automotive businesses account for 34 percent of the company's annual sales, a total of \$1.9 billion in 1997. Cooper marketed automotive products under such brands names as Champion spark plugs, Anco wipers, Wagner lighting and brakes, Moog suspension components and Precision universal joints.

Cooper's non-auto businesses sell electrical products, tools and hardware.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol has established a Victim Assistance Program to assist victims and surviving family members of alcohol-related auto crashes.

A grant from the State Department of Public Safety has funded four victim coordinators and zone advocates to serve the state to assist victims of DWI (driving while intoxicated) accidents, advise them of their rights and make referrals to other assistance resources such as Mothers Against Drunk Driving and Missouri Crime Victims Compensation.

The program has been well received by crash victims, law enforcement agencies and community services, advocacy and sensitivity. The state's DWI Victim Hotline can be reached by calling 1-888-773-1800.

The state highway patrol is involved in investigating about 70 percent of alcohol-related traffic fatalities in Missouri.

The patrol feels through this training and by working closer with DWI victims, our services to them will be expanded said Lt. Mike Weller, supervisor of the patrol. "This is the type of program that supports our community policing philosophy and serves as an example of our involvement in community problems."

So much for independent journalism. Advertising officials from both Chrysler and General Motors recently laid a gathering of magazine publishers that they better become team players if they expect to continue receiving auto ad placements.

The auto executives spoke before the Marketing Publishers of America's Magazine Marketing Association's Association of Detroit and stressed the need for interactive brand-building relationships consisting of not only magazine advertisements but also promotions, merchandising and activities such as fashion shows.

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Court reporters do more than work in courtroom

By Steve Bryan

Although lawyers and judges look like the most important people during a trial, court reporters provide an invaluable service. They produce an accurate, written record of every word spoken at a trial.

"We use a shorthand machine which is connected via a cable to a computer," said associate professor Judy Larson, coordinator of the Court Reporter Program at St. Louis Community College at Meramec.

"As the court reporter writes in steno, the computer translates it into English. Attorneys can get instantaneous transcripts, what we call 'real-time translation.' The judge has a computer screen in front of him and so do the lawyers," she said.

Because their work turns spoken words into written text, court reporters must have good English skills and an excellent vocabulary. They must also learn to type faster than anyone else and stay focused on what they are typing.

Only a certified court reporter (CCR) is allowed to work in a Missouri courtroom. To become certified, an applicant must pass a licensing exam that is administered through the Supreme Court of Missouri.

The licensing exam tests three transcription skills. Applicants must take down 225 words per minute of testimony, 200 words per minute of medical testimony and 180 words per minute of open-court statements in closed captions.

To get their license, a court reporter must successfully demonstrate these three skills in addition to passing a written knowledge test.

Working as a court reporter does not necessarily mean just working in the courtroom, however.

Some, for example, work out of their homes as independent contractors. A lawyer might request that a court reporter come to his office to take a deposition and produce a written copy.

"Our students also have the ability to go into a classroom with a student who is hard-of-hearing or deaf," Larson said. "They sit next to the student and, as the teacher is lecturing, they take her words down in shorthand, which is reproduced on a computer screen so that they can read."

"Our reporters also have the ability to caption a convention or conference or seminar for people



Dennis Caldwell photo

Instructor Judy Larson watches as Penny Mullen and Melissa Ammito work on their court reporting skills. They are typing on shorthand machines that translates their notes into English on the computer screen.

who are deaf. This helps them participate and makes them feel more a part of what's happening," she said.

Over the last several years, more and more television shows and movies have been "closed-captioned" by people trained as court reporters.

With the aid of a special converter box, hearing-impaired people can read the spoken dialogue.

Due to FCC regulations, within an eight year

time span, 99 percent of all shows, local and national will have to be captioned. For news reports, we do the captioning live during the broadcast," Larson said.

Opportunities, therefore, are quite plentiful for anyone interested in working as a court reporter. Even with computers becoming faster and more efficient, Larson doesn't see any shortage of work for court reporters in the future.

Employee leasing helps companies compete

By Steve Bryan

When considering job offers from different companies, the benefit package offered by each can weigh heavily in the decision. Smaller companies, however, typically cannot provide as many benefits as larger corporations.

"It is very expensive to keep an employee," said Dave Brinkley, president and co-owner of the Varsity Group, 14220 Ladue Road. "If your gross salary is \$100,000, your cost the company could go as high as \$130,000."

"Let's say you own a company with 50 people. You have to pay all the payroll taxes and report taxes. You are responsible to do that and provide benefits such as health and dental insurance, a 401K plan and life insurance," he said.

The organizations that supply these benefits to companies are called "leasing companies" to large corporations while smaller to mid-sized companies tend to pay more for their benefits.

To stay competitive, some companies make use of a technique called "employee leasing." A professional employer organization (PEO) such as the Varsity Group "employs" the staffs of other companies.

"Employee leasing is the outsourcing of payroll and all payroll tax reporting functions and the liability associated with an employee," Brinkley said. "We provide the human resource function, what you would see in any large corporation."

"In essence, we become the employer of record for payroll and benefits functions," he said. "Centrally contract with the Varsity Group and, because of our purchasing power with regards to benefits, we're able to pass the savings along to them."

Employment laws also change on a regular basis. Companies must stay on top of new legislation such as the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993.

"A company of 10 to 15 employees will not be able to set aside the resources to hire a human resources manager," Brinkley said. "If they're focusing on legalities, they aren't producing products or services."

"We provide that human resource expertise. We relieve them of that burden and let them focus on their business," he said.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN PROBATE
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF } No. 98-1
FRANCIS RICHESON, Deceased. }

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Public notice is given to Francis Boston, Michael Schwedel, Dale Richeson, Rolla Richeson, James Richeson, Carl Richeson, and Francis M. Richeson, that a Petition has been filed in the Circuit Court of Madison County, Illinois, on the Estate of Francis M. Richeson, deceased, hearing on the 3rd day of May, 1998, at the Courthouse in the City of Edwardsville, Illinois, at which time and place you may appear.

Dated this 27th day of April, 1998, at Granite City, Illinois.

Christian Richeson
Petitioner

Attn: George Filcoff, Jr.
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IN THE CIRUIT COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOISPROSPECTIVE BANKER FEDERAL SAVINGS
BANK SYSTEM GRANITE CITY
SAVINGS AND LOAN

Plaintiff

BRENDA L. CLEMONS, RAYMOND R.
LEMONS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND
NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered on April 21, 1998, in Cause No. 98-1, in re the sale of real estate, to wit:

Lot 41 and 42 in Block 22 in Amended Subdivision Addition No. 1 to Madison, according to the Plat Book 10, page 59 and in Plat Book 24, page 24, in Madison, Illinois.

Plat ID No. 21-2-19-00-07-0219

Lot 41, 42 and 43 in Block 22 in Amended Subdivision Addition No. 1 to Madison, according to the Plat Book 10, page 59 and in Plat Book 24, page 24, in Madison, Illinois.

Sale will be made for cash in hand to the highest bidder on May 12, 1998.

The judgment amount was \$9,522.19.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down of the purchase price, balance to be paid at closing.

The property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments of special taxes levied against real estate, water bills, etc., etc. It is the responsibility of the purchaser to pay all taxes and special assessments.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to file a claim with the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check their court file to verify all information.

The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility of verifying that other individuals' presently in possession of the property have been removed.

The attorneys for the Plaintiff shall be entitled to the real estate.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOISMERCANTILE BANK, FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK, FOB
FIRST GRANITE CITY SAVINGS AND LOAN,
PLAINTIFF

vs.

TINA H. AYKA, KATINA JONES, DONNA
WRIGHT, ANNA DONNA WILSON, GRANGER,
DANIELLE, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND
NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,

Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered on April 21, 1998, in Cause No. 98-1, in re the sale of real estate, to wit:

Lots 223 and 224 in Block 8 Staging according to the Plat Book 10, page 52, in Madison, Illinois.

Plat ID No. 19-2-01-07-0219

Commonly known as 317 E. Grand Ave., East Alton, Illinois will be sold at public auction on May 12, 1998, at 10:00 a.m. in the Madison County Courthouse, in Courtroom 311 or where designated. The sale will be offered for cash and sold at public auction.

Sale will be made for cash in hand to the highest bidder on May 12, 1998.

The judgment amount was \$23,860.64.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down of the purchase price, balance to be paid at closing.

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The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility of verifying that other individuals' presently in possession of the subjects premises.

The attorneys for the Plaintiff shall be entitled to the real estate.

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594 FROM BIG BEND ROAD OR TO ILLINOIS
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MADISON, ILLINOIS, HEREBY THAT, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person, association, firm or corporation to park any motor vehicle or vehicles on or across Route 204 from Big Bend Road North to Illinois Terminal Right-of-Way.

SECTION 2. The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized and directed to post "No Parking" and "Tow Zone" signs on Route 204 at 10:04 of FAP 594 from Big Bend Road North to Illinois Terminal Right-of-Way in violation of the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. Any motor vehicle or any part thereof parked on Route 204 from Big Bend Road North to Illinois Terminal Right-of-Way, in violation of the provisions of this Ordinance, shall be subject to removal by the City of Madison.

SECTION 4. In addition, any person, association, firm or corporation parking a motor vehicle or any part thereof on Route 204 from Big Bend Road North to Illinois Terminal Right-of-Way, in violation of the provisions of this Ordinance, shall be subject to a fine of \$75.00 for each offense, and each day on which a violation occurs, shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 5. All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. The Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance is to be approved by the City Council of Madison, Illinois, this 5th day of May, A.D. 1998.

JAHN HAMIL
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Judy Whittaker
CITY CLERK

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IMC MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff

vs.

BETTY J. HARRISON, CITY OF GRANITE CITY, NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, UNKNOWN TENANTS, AND UNKNOWN OWNERS

Defendant(s) (e)

PUBLICATION NOTICE

This requires affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, UNKNOWN TENANTS, AND UNKNOWN OWNERS, that suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Madison County, Illinois, against you for damages resulting from your acts of trespass or invasion of the property of the Plaintiff, Betty J. Harrison, City of Granite City, in violation of the provisions of this Ordinance.

APPROVED BY THE Mayor of the City of Granite City, Illinois, this 21 day of April, 1998.

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254-0410

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
NORMAN HILLEBRAND, DECEASED

NOTICE OF HEIRS AND LEGATEES

Notice is given to all heirs and legatees of the estate of Norman Hillebrand, deceased, that a Petition has been filed in the Circuit Court of Madison County, Illinois, on the Estate of Norman Hillebrand, deceased, hearing on the 3rd day of May, 1998, at the Courthouse in the City of Edwardsville, Illinois, at which time and place you may appear.

Dated this 27th day of April, 1998, at Granite City, Illinois.

Christian Richeson
Petitioner

Attn: George Filcoff, Jr.

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